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C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 9015

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SUBJ: VIOLENCE IN EASTERN INDIA

1. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEND A WRAP-UP CABLE TO WASHINGTON ON TUESDAY
REGARDING VIOLENCE IN EASTERN INDIA.

2. WE HAVE NOTED:

(A) ARTICLE IN AUGUST 3 STATESMAN, DATELINED IMPHAL, TO EFFECT
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THAT TEN ARMED NAGA HOSTILES WERE KILLED IN AN ENCOUNTER WITH

SECURITY FORCES IN NAGALAND ON JULY 31 AND THAT ARMS AND AMMUNITION WITH FOREIGN MARKINGS WERE SEIZED.

(B) HOME MINISTER DIKSHIT MADE A BRIEF STATEMENT IN THE LOK SABHA ON THE NAGA QUESTION TODAY, AUGUST 3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, HE SAID THAT IN APRIL THERE WERE SOME 100 TO 150 NAGA HOSTILES LURKING ON THE BORDER WITH BURMA; THEY HAVE BEEN FILTERING IN IN TWOS AND THREES TO NAGALAND AND MANIPUR. ARMS TAKEN IN ENCOUNTERS WITH NAGAS ALL HAVE CHINESE MARKINGS. THERE ARE ABOUT 1500 NAGA HOSTILES ACTIVE NOW. ONLY A FEW HAVE BEEN KILLED, BUT A FEW HUNDRED HAVE BEEN CAPTURED OR GIVEN THEMSELVES UP IN MANIPUR AND NAGALAND IN RECENT MONTHS. (WE WILL HAVE TEXT OF DIKSHIT'S REMARKS ON MONDAY).

(C) QUESTION WAS ASKED IN THE RAJYA SABHA ON AUGUST 2 WHETHER IT IS A FACT THAT THERE HAS RECENTLY BEEN A SPURT IN NEXALITE ACTIVITIES IN WEST BENGAL, BIHAR, ANDRA PRADESH AND UTTAR PRADESH. MINISTER OF STATE FOR HOME K.C. PANT SAID THAT SOME NAXALITE ACTIVITIES HAVE AGAIN COME TO NOTICE IN WEST BENGAL BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO MARKED CHANGE IN THE SITUATION IN THE OTHER THREE STATES.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING FROM YOU BY NOON TUESDAY, AUGUST 7. AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU CAN PUT TOGETHER ON MIZORAM, NAGA AND NAXALITE ACTIVITIES AND ANY OTHER POINTS REGARDING VIOLENCE AND SECURITY IN EASTERN INDIA THAT YOU THINK WE SHOULD INCLUDE IN OUR REPORT.

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